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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
William J. Casey
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Director

SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION ON SOME
WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT ISSUES

I thought you would be interested in some of the findings of our late-April USIA public opinion surveys in Western Europe and Japan on selected economic issues for the Williamsburg Summit.

In six participating countries (excluding Canada):

- o Economic pessimism abounds in all countries. Jobs are the greatest concern in Europe by far, and most people see no drop in unemployment in the coming year.
- o Public expectations for economic growth are bleak, except in Britain.
- o Other than the Japanese and Italians, publics tend to lack confidence in wise U.S. economic leadership.
- o Publics everywhere widely endorse free trade principles over restrictive practices.
- o West Europeans decisively favor agricultural subsidies to prevent foreign sales losses of their farm products. And, except in Britain, the U.S. is seen as uncooperative in such sales to third countries.

These and other results are attached.

